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10 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
12 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

13 **MARK E. HAMANN,**

C 07-06008 TEH (PR)

14 Petitioner,

**ANSWER**

15 v.

16 **KEN CLARK, Warden,**

17 Respondent.  
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19 Respondent Ken Clark, Warden of the California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and  
20 State Prison – Corcoran, in Corcoran, California, provides this answer to the Petition For Writ of  
21 Habeas Corpus.

22 **I**

23 **VALID JUDGMENT**

24 Petitioner, Mark E. Hamann, California Department of Corrections number F-17150, is  
25 lawfully in the custody of the California Department of Corrections at the California Substance  
26 Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison – Corcoran, in Corcoran, California pursuant to a valid  
27 judgment and commitment of the Superior Court of Marin County, entered February 21, 2006, in  
28 case number SC143245A. Exh. A, Clerk’s Transcript (CT) in case A113181, CT 148-149.

Petitioner entered a negotiated plea of guilty to mayhem and false imprisonment by violence. Cal. Penal Code, §§ 203, 236. On February 21, 2006, the court sentenced petitioner to state prison for a term of 4 years, 8 months. CT 148-149. Petitioner appealed, raising a single issue, that his consecutive sentence was precluded by California Penal Code section 654, prohibiting multiple punishment for a single criminal act or omission. Exh. C1, Appellant's Opening Brief, *People v. Hamann*, A113181. The People responded. Exh. C2, Respondent's Brief, *People v. Hamann*, A113181. Petitioner filed a reply. Exh. C3, Appellant's Reply Brief, *People v. Hamann*, A113181. His judgment was affirmed by the California Court of Appeal on February 2, 2007. Exh. C4, Opinion, *People v. Hamann*, A113181. Petitioner did not seek review.

Petitioner then began pursuing the three issues presented here, ineffective assistance of trial counsel, prosecutorial misconduct, and failure to inform of the consequences of the plea. He filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the Marin County Superior Court on March 22, 2007, which was denied on June 6, 2007, reconsidered and denied again on July 25, 2007. Exhs. F1, F2, F3, *Mark Edward Hamann v. Board of Prison Terms*, SC152606A, Petition and Orders Denying Petition For Writ Of Habeas Corpus.

Petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus on August 13, 2007, in the California Court of Appeal which was denied on August 16, 2007. Exh. E, *In re Mark E. Hamann*, A118714. Petitioner filed a petition for review in the California Supreme Court on August 27, 2007, directed to the denial by the Court of Appeal denial of his Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. Review was denied on October 17, 2007. Exh. D, *In re Mark E. Hamann*, S155920.

Petitioner filed the present petition on November 28, 2007. The order to show cause issued on March 27, 2008.

## II

### EXHAUSTION AND PROCEDURAL DEFAULT ISSUES

Petitioner's three claims are: (1) trial counsel provided ineffective assistance of counsel in violation of the Sixth Amendment in advising him concerning his plea; (2) his due process and fair trial rights were violated when false evidence was provided at the sentencing hearing; and (3) the trial court failed to advise him in advance of the plea that he would be subject to only 15 percent

1 good time credit reduction as a consequence of entering a plea of guilty to mayhem. Petitioner has  
2 exhausted his state remedies by raising these issues by petitions for writ of habeas corpus in the  
3 Marin County Superior Court, the California Court of Appeal, and the California Supreme Court.

4 **III**

5 **SPECIFIC DENIALS**

6 Respondent specifically denies petitioner was denied any rights to due process, to a fair  
7 trial, or to the assistance of counsel. Petitioner was not denied any rights under the Constitution or  
8 the laws of the United States and is not entitled to a discharge from his present confinement.

9 **IV**

10 **INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

11 Respondent incorporates by reference as though fully set forth here, the factual statements  
12 material to the issues herein which are contained in the accompanying memorandum of points and  
13 authorities.

14 **V**

15 **SUPPORTING RECORD LODGED**

16 Respondent is lodging clerk's and reporter's transcripts of petitioner's trial together with  
17 the briefs, opinions, and orders filed in petitioner's state appeal. Respondent is also lodging the  
18 petitions and orders in petitioner's relevant state habeas corpus actions. Respondent is not aware  
19 of any relevant transcripts or other pertinent documents not so lodged.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, respondent respectfully requests that the petition for writ of habeas corpus be denied.

Dated: September 5, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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No.: **C 07-06008 THE (PR)**

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2. MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN  
OPPOSITION TO THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS; and  
3. NOTICE OF LODGING AND INDEX OF EXHIBITS**

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Declarant

/s/ J. Espinosa

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